

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the following remarks. Applicant thanks the Examiner for carefully considering this application.

Status of Application

The Applicant respectfully notes that there is no indication on the "Office Action Summary" sheet included in the Office Action mailed February 11, 2005, about whether the aforementioned Office Action is a final Office Action. However, the text on page 2 of the aforementioned Office Action indicates that the aforementioned Office Action is a non-final Office Action. Accordingly, the Applicant has responded to the aforementioned Office Action as if the aforementioned Office Action was a non-final Office Action. If this belief is incorrect, the Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below.

Disposition of Claims

Claims 1-3, and 5-30 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 5, 16, and 20 are independent. The remaining claims depend, directly or indirectly, from claims 1, 5, 16, and 20.

Drawings

The Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to indicate whether the replacement drawings filed on January 27, 2004, are acceptable.

Rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C § 102

Claims 1-3 and 5-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by iPlanet Directory Server Administrator's Guide (Document ID 816-0799-01) ("iPlanet").

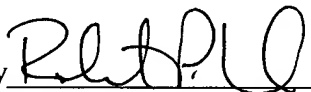
iPlanet is not valid prior art to this application pursuant to MPEP §716.10. As evidenced by the attached declarations under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132, the content of iPlanet was conceived by David Boreham, Peter Rowley, and Mark C. Smith (*i.e.*, the inventors of the referenced application) and subsequently provided to Kieran Cross Rowley, a technical writer, to generate iPlanet. Thus, iPlanet is not valid prior art to the present application. Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

Applicant believes this reply is fully responsive to all outstanding issues and places this application in condition for allowance. If this belief is incorrect, or other issues arise, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned or his associates at the telephone number listed below. Please apply any charges not covered, or any credits, to Deposit Account 50-0591 (Reference Number 13220/021001).

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Attachments (Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.132)
(Declaration of Kieran Cross Rowley)